THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

World Bank aid to fight poverty

64. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has identified India amongst the most needy for poverty aid;

(b) if so, the aid promised by the World Bank; and

(c) the reforms proposed to be taken up to fight poverty with the support of aid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) World Bank through International Development Association (IDA) provides concessional credit to member countries for assisting their ongoin developmental efforts including elimination of poverty. India is the largest recipient of IDA credit.

(b) and (c) In the present cycle of IDA, namely IDA-13 (July 2002 to June 2005), appromixately SDR 2 billion is expected to support the developmental efforts. The current India Country Assistance Strategy (2001—2004) of the World Bank Group is consistent with the objectives and the poverty alleviation strategy embodied in the Five Year Plans.

Fraud prone areas in Banks

65. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI and banking sector have identified the common fraud prone areas in banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are Public Sector bank has taken to prevent frauds in these areas so identified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The common fraud prone areas as identified by RBI and banking sector are as under :